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In re Application of:)
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Serial No. 10/795,786) Art Unit: 2652
Filing Date: March 8, 2004)
For: MAGNETIC HEAD INCLUDING A GAP-)
DEPTH DEFINING LAYER ON)
PROTRUDING LAYER AND METHOD)
FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME)

STATUS INQUIRY

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Dear Sir:

Applicant filed the above-identified application on March 8, 2004, but has not yet received a first Office Action. Please advise the undersigned attorney as to when a first Office Action is expected to issue on this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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